

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for generating a list of candidate alternative spellings, comprising:

finding, among a plurality of pages, a first page that contains, in a body of the first page,

a link that indicates a first spelling that is also contained in a query that was

entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second page;

comparing the first spelling with the spelling of terms within said second page in order

to identify spellings that are similar to, but not exactly the same as, said first

spelling, wherein the spelling of the terms is in the same language as the first

spelling;

adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, [[all]]one or

more spellings within said second page that are spelled similar to, but not

exactly the same as, said first spelling; and

generating a filtered list at least in part by filtering said list of candidate alternative

spellings based on a comparison of (a) a first frequency of occurrences of said

first spelling in said plurality of pages to (b) a second frequency of occurrences,

in said plurality of pages, of a second spelling from said list of candidate

alternative spellings; and

~~storing said filtered list on a computer readable storage medium;~~

wherein the steps of comparing, adding, and generating are performed by one or more

computing devices.

2-6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and wherein said second spelling comprises multiple words.
8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings further comprises:
in response to determining that said first frequency is greater than said second frequency, removing said second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings.
9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said first spelling is a plural form of said second spelling.
10. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said second spelling is a plural form of said first spelling.
11. (currently amended) A volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform steps comprising:
finding, among a plurality of pages, a first page that contains, in a body of the first page, a link that indicates a first spelling that is also contained in a query that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second page;

comparing the first spelling with the spelling of terms within said second page in order to identify spellings that are similar to, but not exactly the same as, said first spelling, wherein the spelling of the terms is in the same language as the first spelling;

adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, [[all]]one or more spellings within said second page that are spelled similar to, but not exactly the same as, said first spelling; and

generating a filtered list at least in part by filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings based on a comparison of (a) a first frequency of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of pages to (b) a second frequency of occurrences, in said plurality of pages, of a second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings; and

~~storing said filtered list on a computer readable storage medium.~~

12-16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and wherein said second spelling comprises multiple words.
18. (previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings further comprises:

in response to determining that said first frequency is greater than said second frequency, removing said second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings.

19. (previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said first spelling is a plural form of said second spelling.
20. (previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said second spelling is a plural form of said first spelling.
21. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.
22. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said filtered list.
23. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
conducting a search of said plurality of files based on a query in which said first spelling has been replaced by a spelling from said list but wherein query terms other than said first spelling remain as entered by said user; and

presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.

24. (previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.
25. (previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said filtered list.
26. (previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
conducting a search of said plurality of pages based on a query in which said first spelling has been replaced by a spelling from said list but wherein query terms other than said first spelling remain as entered by said user; and
presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.